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<http://www.gospelherald.net/article/international/45997/human-rights-group-releases-persecution-shame-list.htm>

Interestingly, the report says Communist and former Communist states are becoming less antagonistic towards Christianity (North Korea being the exception). However, persecution continues to increase in Islamic countries.

Last year, the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** placed India on its Watch List for the country's inadequate response in protecting religious minorities.

The federal commission's watch list consists of countries with governments that tolerate "serious violations of religious freedom